

WE CLAIM:

1. A data processing apparatus for controlling cross-triggering of diagnostic processes on a plurality of processing devices, said data processing apparatus comprising:

5 a routing module comprising a plurality of broadcast channels, one or more of said broadcast channels being operable to indicate the occurrence of a diagnostic event on one or more of said plurality of processing devices and having at least one router input port for receiving channel-mapped data indicating the occurrence of diagnostic events and at least one router output port for broadcasting channelised information indicating the occurrence of diagnostic events;

10 a mapping module having:

15 an event mapping input port operable to receive a diagnostic event signal indicating the occurrence of a diagnostic event on an associated processing device, said associated processing device being one of said plurality of processing devices;

a first mapping unit operable to programmably assert said diagnostic event signal to one or more of said plurality of broadcast channels of said routing module and to supply said first mapped diagnostic event signal to said at least one router input port;

20 a channel mapping input port operable to receive from said router output port said channelised information comprising data from one or more of said plurality of broadcast channels indicating occurrences of diagnostic events on processing devices of said plurality of processing devices; and

25 a second mapping module operable to receive said channelised information and to programmably retrieve from said channelised information, diagnostic event data from selected ones of said plurality of broadcast channels and to supply said retrieved diagnostic event data to said associated processing device to facilitate triggering of a diagnostic process on said associated processing device in dependence upon said retrieved diagnostic event data.

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2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said routing module comprises combining logic for said one or more of said plurality of broadcast channels, said

combining logic being operable to combine a plurality of diagnostic event signals from different ones of said plurality of processing devices asserted to a respective broadcast channel.

5 3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said combining logic comprises an OR logic gate.

4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said router module and said mapping module comprises synchronisation logic operable to synchronise a 10 received signal to a local clock domain.

5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said synchronisation logic has a bypass mode.

15 6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 10, wherein at least one of said routing module and said mapping module belong to a transmitting device and destination device pair and comprises handshaking logic operable to hold assertion of a signal transmitted by said transmitting device pending receipt of an acknowledgement by said destination device.

20 7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said handshaking logic has a bypass mode.

8. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of processing 25 devices, and said data processing apparatus are components of a single microchip.

9. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 6, wherein said mapping module and said associated processing device are situated on a different chip from said routing 30 module.

10. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a routing module synchroniser interface operable to monitor both a first handshake signal sequence comprising receipt and acknowledgement of said channelised information and a second handshake signal sequence comprising receipt and acknowledgement of said diagnostic event signal, said routing module synchroniser interface being further operable to output a single off-chip signal representing said first handshake signal sequence and a single off-chip signal representing said second handshake signal sequence.

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11. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said mapping module comprises glitch-removal logic operable to register receipt of said diagnostic event signal prior to supplying said diagnostic event signal to said first mapping module thereby preventing said routing module from falsely signalling occurrence of a diagnostic event.

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12. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said first mapping module and said second mapping module comprises a plurality of configuration registers operable to effect said programmable assertion of said diagnostic event signal to said plurality of said broadcast channels and/or to effect said programmable retrieval of said diagnostic event data from selected ones of said plurality of broadcast channels.

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20 13. An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein said configuration registers are programmable using memory mapped access.

14. An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein said configuration registers are programmable using JTAG scan access.

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15. An apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein a first subset of said configuration registers are programmable using JTAG scan access as well as memory mapped access and a second subset of said configuration registers are programmable using memory mapped access.

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16. An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, comprising an application trigger generator operable to generate an application trigger signal simulating the occurrence of a diagnostic event on at least one of said broadcast channels.

5 17. An apparatus as claimed in claim 16 comprising an application trigger register operable to programmably assert said application trigger signal to one or more of said broadcast channels.

10 18. An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, in which said application trigger signal comprises channel mapping information.

19. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of processing devices is a processor core.

15 20. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of processing devices is a co-processor.

21. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of processing devices is a digital signal processor.

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22. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said routing module is operable to be connected to a further routing module by connecting said at least one router output port of said router module to a router input port of said further routing module and connecting said at least one router input port of said routing module to a router output port of said further routing module.

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23. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which said routing module and said mapping module are components of an integrated device.

30 24. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 comprising a further mapping module connected to said routing module to form a cross-trigger block unit, the routing

module having at least one expansion port operable to connect said cross-trigger block unit to a further respective cross-trigger block unit.

25. A data processing method for controlling cross-triggering of diagnostic processes on a plurality of processing devices, said method comprising the steps of:

5 receiving via an event mapping input port of a mapping module a diagnostic event signal indicating the occurrence of a diagnostic event on an associated processing device, said associated processing device being one of said plurality of processing devices;

10 performing a first mapping operation involving programmably asserting said diagnostic event signal to one or more of said plurality of broadcast channels using said router input port;

broadcasting data indicating the occurrence of diagnostic events via a router output port;

15 indicating the occurrence of a diagnostic event on one or more of said plurality of processing devices on one or more of a plurality of broadcast channels;

receiving channel-mapped data indicating the occurrence of diagnostic events via a router input port;

20 receiving from said router output port a channelised information comprising data from one or more of said plurality of broadcast channels indicating occurrences of diagnostic events on processing devices of said plurality of processing devices; and

performing a second mapping operation by programmably retrieving from said channelised information, diagnostic event data from selected ones of said plurality of broadcast channels; and

25 supplying said retrieved diagnostic event data to said associated processing device to facilitate triggering of a diagnostic process on said associated processing device in dependence upon said retrieved diagnostic event data.

26. A method as claimed in claim 25, comprising the step of combining a plurality 30 of diagnostic event signals from different ones of said plurality of processing devices asserted to a respective broadcast channel.

27. A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein said combining step comprises a logical OR operation.

28. A method as claimed in claim 25 comprising the step of synchronising at least 5 one of said received diagnostic event signal and said received channelised information to a local clock domain.

29. A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein assertion of said received diagnostic event signal is held pending acknowledgement of its receipt.

10 30. A method claim 25, comprising the step of acknowledging receipt of said diagnostic event signal to said associated processing device.

15 31. A method as claimed in claim 25, comprising the step of registering acknowledgement of receipt of said channelised information.

32. An method as claimed in claim 25, comprising the step of monitoring both a first handshake signal sequence comprising receipt and acknowledgement of said channelised information and a second handshake signal sequence comprising receipt 20 and acknowledgement of said diagnostic event signal and also outputting a single off-chip signal representing said first handshake signal sequence and a single off-chip signal representing said second handshake signal sequence.

33. A method as claimed in claim 25, comprising the step of performing glitch- 25 removal by registering receipt of said diagnostic event signal prior to supplying said diagnostic event signal as input to said first mapping operation thereby preventing false signalling of the occurrence of a diagnostic event.

34. A method as claimed in claim 25, comprising the step of synchronising a signal 30 received from said router output port to a clock domain of said associated processing device prior to supplying said retrieved diagnostic event data to said associated processing device.

35. A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein said first mapping operation and said second mapping operation are performed using a plurality of configuration registers operable to effect said programmable assertion of said diagnostic event signal to said plurality of said broadcast channels and/or to effect said programmable retrieval of said diagnostic event data from selected ones of said plurality of broadcast channels.

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36. An apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein in said step of performing a first mapping operation and said step of performing a second mapping operation, said configuration registers are programmed using memory mapped access.

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37. An apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein in said step of performing a first mapping operation and said step of performing a second mapping operation, said configuration registers are said configuration registers are programmed using JTAG scan access.

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38. An apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein in said step of performing a first mapping operation and said step of performing a second mapping operation a first subset of said configuration registers are programmable using JTAG scan access as well as memory mapped access and a second subset of said configuration registers are programmable using memory mapped access.

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39. A method as claimed in claim 25, comprising the step of generating an application trigger signal simulating the occurrence of a diagnostic event on at least one of said broadcast channels.

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40. A method as claimed in claim 25, comprising the step of programmably asserting said application trigger to one or more of said broadcast channels.

41. A method as claimed in claim 25, in which said generated application trigger signal includes channel mapping information.

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42. A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein at least one of said plurality of processing devices is a processor core.

43. A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein at least one of said plurality of 5 processing devices is a co-processor.

44. A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein at least one of said plurality of processing devices is a digital signal processor.